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(U) Whittier – Gang Member Convicted in Killing of Police Officer Sentenced to Life in Prison

(U) Court officials sentenced a gang member convicted of opening fire on two Whittier police officers, killing one and wounding the other, along with killing a man in East Los Angeles. The suspect was found guilty of two counts of first-degree murder, along with multiple other charges. The two police officers were responding to a three-vehicle collision back in 2017 when the suspect opened fire on them. Officer Keith Boyer was killed in the line of duty and the other officer was wounded in the abdomen. SOURCE: 1 December 2021, NBC LA

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Border Patrol Agents Apprehend Large Group in National Park

(U) Alpine – US Border Patrol Agents, along with National Park Rangers with Big Ben National Park apprehended a group of over 70 undocumented non-citizens. The group consisted of undocumented migrants from Venezuela. Since 1 November, Big Bend Sector has encountered over 200 subjects in Big Bend National Park. All individuals were transported to the Alpine Border Patrol Station for processing and will be processed under established protocols and procedures.

SOURCE: 1 December 2021, US CBP

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US and Mexico Reach Deal to Restart 'Remain in Mexico' Program

(U) Washington – The Biden Administration has reached a deal with the Mexican government to restart the Trump-era "Remain in Mexico" program that requires asylum seekers to wait outside US territory while their claims are processed. Implementation of the program, formerly known as the Migrant Protection Protocols, is expected to begin next week in San Diego and in the Texas cities of Brownsville, Laredo and El Paso. Biden officials have spent the past several weeks negotiating the terms of the restart with the Mexican government, which wanted the Biden administration to provide assurances that asylum seekers' cases would be processed expeditiously.

SOURCE: 1 December 2021, Washington Post

(U) Colorado – Drug Ring with Cartel Ties Broken Up, 21 Charged

(U) Denver – The Drug Enforcement Administration and local Colorado partners announced indictments and arrests after a major investigation into a drug network that had international reach. Overall, 19 people were indicted, with two other people identified and arrested after the indictment. The indictment includes 20 counts, which outline how the enterprise distributed cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and fentanyl throughout the Denver area. Investigators believe the drug trafficking ring has ties to the Sinaloa Cartel in Mexico. Law enforcement seized over 10K counterfeit pills laced with fentanyl, six kilograms of methamphetamine, eight pounds of heroin 11 kilograms of cocaine, and \$450K in cash in the bust.

SOURCE: 1 December 2021, Fox KDVR

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(U) Michigan - Oakland Prosecutor Weighs Charging Parents of Accused Oxford High Shooter

(U) Oakland County – The Oakland County Prosecutor is considering bringing criminal charges against the parents of Ethan Crumbley, the 15-year old Oxford High School student accused of killing four classmates and wounding seven other people in a mass shooting at the suburban Detroit school. The suspect faces multiple charges in the shooting including one count of terrorism causing death. The teen will be tried as an adult.

SOURCE: 29 November 2021, Yahoo News

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Colombia – Authorities Seize \$43 Million in Cocaine Following Cargo Inspection

(U) Bogota – Authorities with the Colombian Navy, in coordination with the national police and port authorities seized 1,298 kilograms of cocaine worth approximately \$43 million dollars. The cocaine was hidden in a cargo container to be sent to Central America with a final destination of Europe. The cargo container carrying 20 sacks with 1,100 pressed rectangular packages underwent inspection by port authorities and came back positive for cocaine. So far this year, the Colombian Navy has seized more than 311 tons of cocaine, of which 160 have been in the Colombian Pacific.

SOURCE: 30 November 2021, Armada de Colombia Press Release

(U) Mexico – Gangsters Use Vehicles to Ram into Prison and Free Nine Inmates

(U) Mexico City – Mexican gangsters, affiliated with Pueblos Unidos, used a convoy of vehicles to ram their way into a prison before opening fire at guards and freeing nine inmates. One prison guard and one police officer were injured in the attack. Several other vehicles were also set on fire in the plot targeting the jail. Mexican criminal groups have often raided prison over the past 15 years, bursting into the facilities or impersonating security forces to free inmates.

SOURCE: 1 December 2021, Yahoo News

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